

## **Garden and Nutritional Science Lab Statement 2022.23sy**

Your child will be participating in classes held in the outdoor garden and/or nutrition lab this year.

In these classes, BMA students may prepare and taste recipes, as well as use common kitchen equipment. Students will have the opportunity to use kitchen utensils and equipment during the class. Students will learn about appropriate and safe operation and use of the kitchen equipment and they will be supervised at all times. Although every precaution is taken to prevent accidents, a certain risk is involved due to the nature of the experience, the age of the students, and the learning environment. Participation in the program is a privilege, not a right, for each student. We are asking for your cooperation in impressing upon your child the importance of being careful and following safety and operation instructions. Failure to behave properly will result in loss of this privilege and participating in the nutrition program.

Your child will be participating in our outdoor garden class which has live chickens. As part of our Montessori philosophy, your child may interact/participate, assist with the care and feeding of these animals. Students will learn how to properly care and handle as well as how to be empathetic around these animals as part of our culture.

Our Nutrition Lab is NUT FREE and the majority of recipes are PLANT-BASED. If your child cannot participate, the teacher will contact you to discuss alternative options. To disclose any food allergies and/or restrictions you must complete the ALLERGY/RESTRICTION FORM (available at the front office).

If your child cannot participate in the Garden Program you must complete the GARDEN RESTRICTION FORM (available at the front office).